

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 9 and 17 were previously amended. The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 15 and 16 are directed to allowable subject matter if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 11, 2nd paragraph. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating such allowable subject matter.

Claim Objections:

The Examiner issued a Non-Complaint amendment as claims 1, 9 and 17 and the status of claims 6-7 and 15-16 submitted on 3/6/2008 are not based on the previous amendment submitted on 1/7/2008. Applicant has corrected these claims to comply with the amendment submitted on 1/7/2008 with the exception of the status of claims 15 and 16 which were cancelled in the amendment submitted on 1/7/2008 and indicated as such. The contents of claims 15 and 16 were placed in claim 9. As such, Applicant believes claim 9, as well as the claims that depend from it, are in condition for allowance. Similar limitations from claims 15 and 16 were added to claims 1 and 17, and thus Applicant believes that claims 1 and 17, as well as the claims that depend from them, are in condition for allowance.

It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of the claims and full allowance of same. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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